



# RouterOs Firewall

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# First of all..

- at the last Europe MUM..  
my talk was about Switching  
and there was a request

Please add “hardware spanning tree”  
and from 6.38...

# Switch Hardware Spanning Tree

- Make a switch (as usual)
- Add the master port to a bridge
- Then from the bridge menu IF STP is on then the STP is active on hardware
- Slave ports are shown on the bridge to show the STP status

Look documentation:

[https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Switch\\_Chip\\_Features#Spanning\\_Tree\\_Protocol](https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Switch_Chip_Features#Spanning_Tree_Protocol)

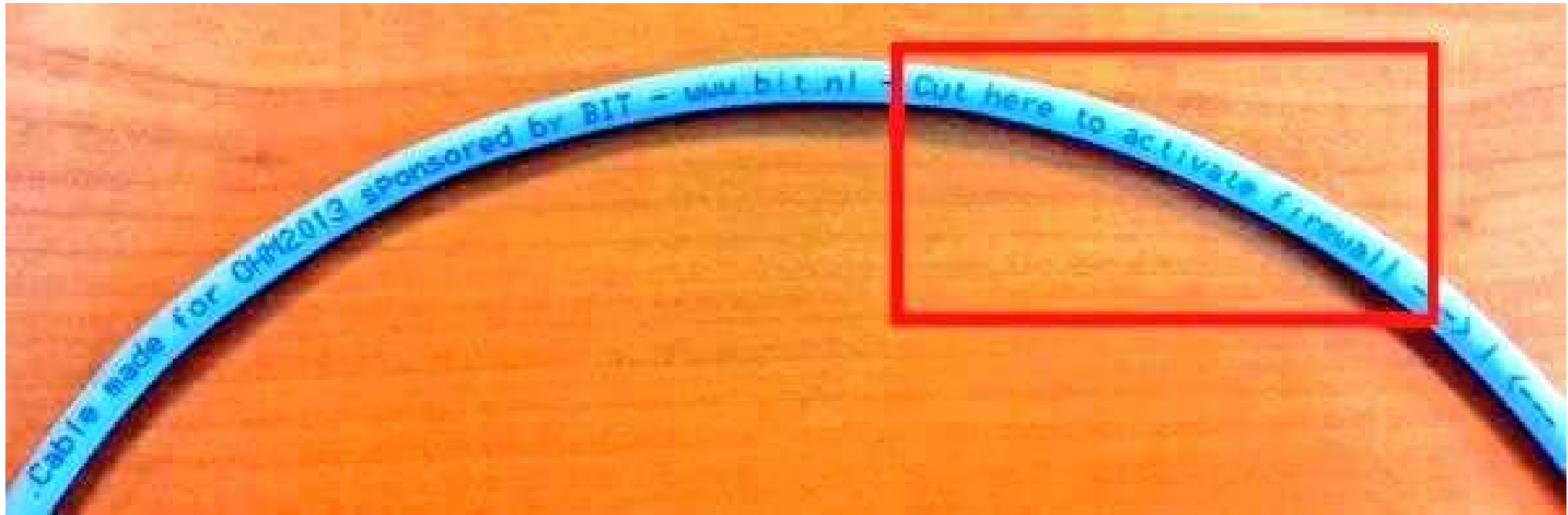
# Today goals

- Know about firewall design in RouterOs
- Know where is, and what to do with
- Changes of the firewall in the last year
- Two examples

# What is a “firewall?”

- Try to isolate the “less protected” outside area from the “more protected” inside area
- It's security device, but own only a firewall is not enough to be protected
- Security is a process, and firewall is only one part of
- The less secure item is between the keyboard and the chair

Cut here to activate  
firewall :-)



# Where is “the firewall”

- L2 firewall

Bridge → Filter

Switch → Rule or Access List and other

- L3 (and up) firewall IPv4

IP → Firewall and IP → Web Proxy

- L3 firewall IPv6

IPv6 → Firewall

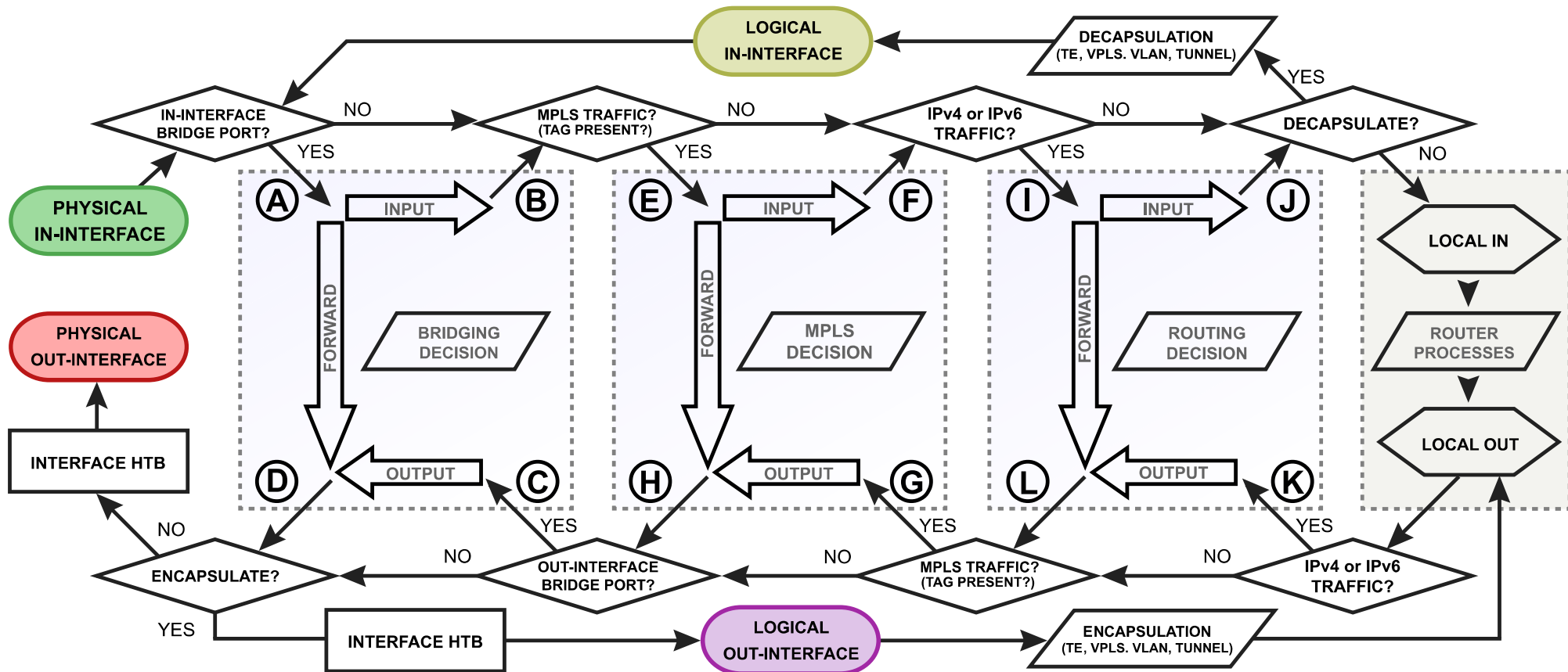


# L2 firewall

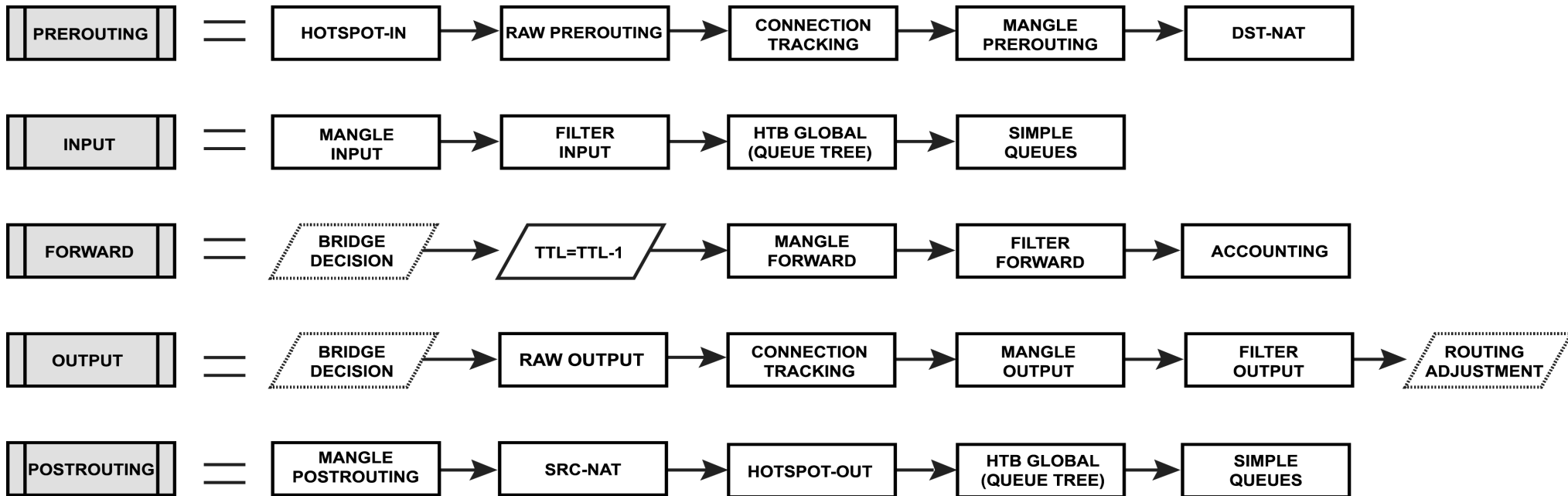
Take the fight at L2, but not only MAC ADDRESS...

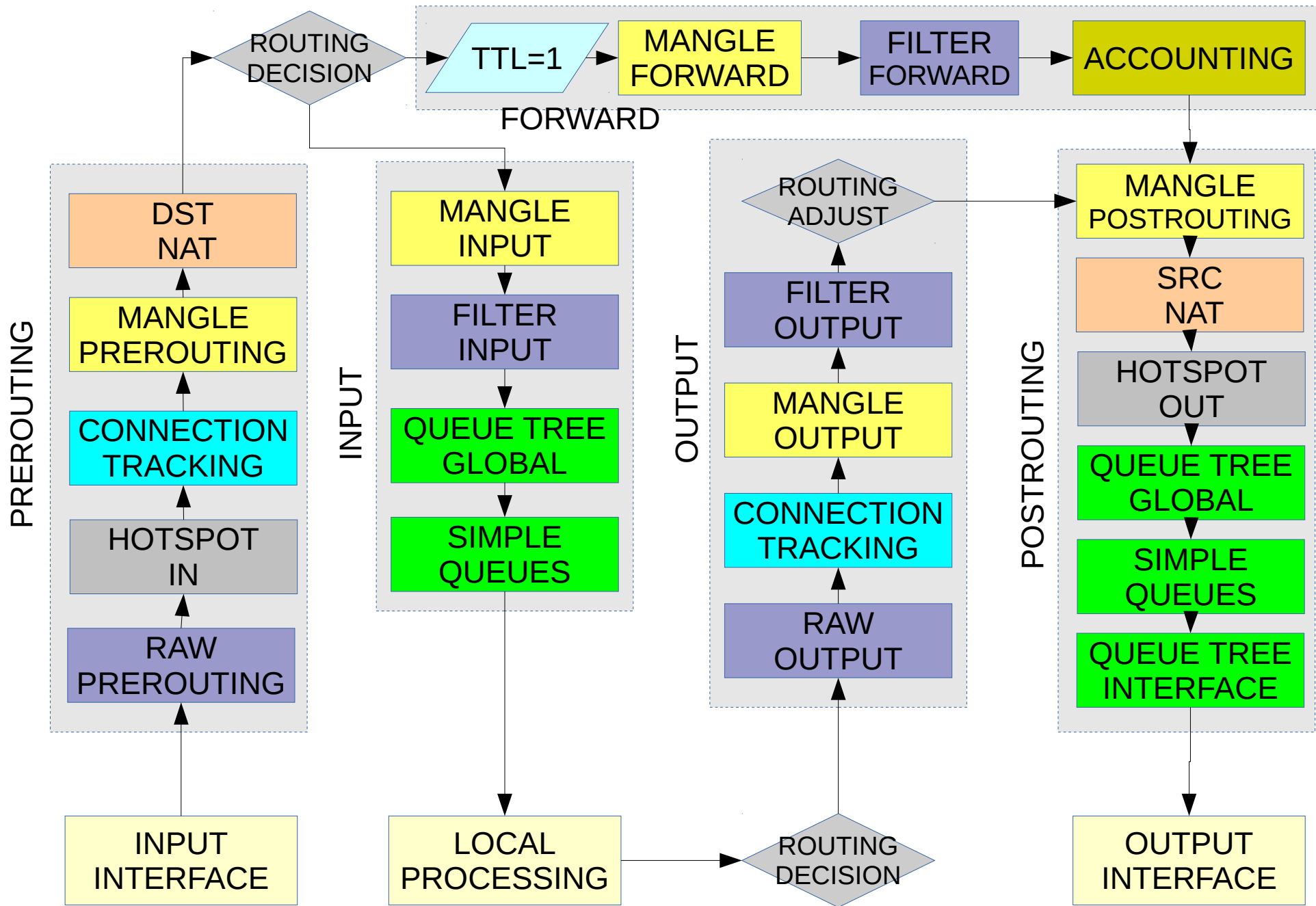
- On switch chipset with ACL (hardware)
- On bridge interface with ACL (software)

# RouterOs Packet Flow 1



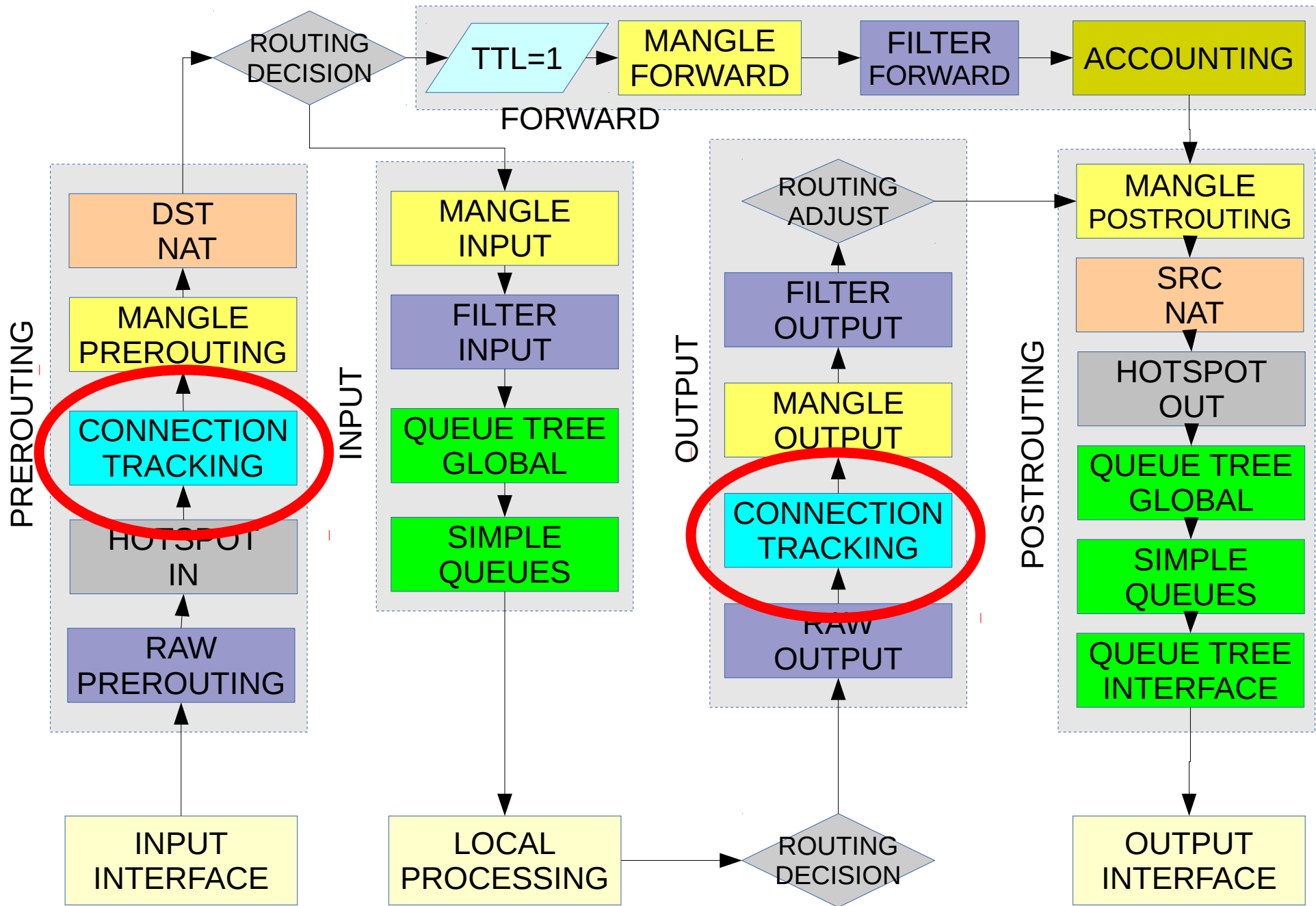
# RouterOs Packet Flow 2





# Connection Tracking

- RouterOs can “detect” the status of a connection (TCP/UDP) and try to give us a more powerful way to check packets
  - Connection state can be “new” “established” “related” but also “unknown” or “invalid”
  - Particular protocols (eg SIP and FTP) needs “connection helpers” to track complex connections
- ```
/ip firewall connection
```



# L3 firewall IPv4 and IPv6

- Packet flow show “where firewall act”
- Each “position” is a “default chain”
- A “chain” is a set of sequential rules, the order IS important
- Check and action are different in each flow position
- You can jump and also return back on a chain

# Filter table

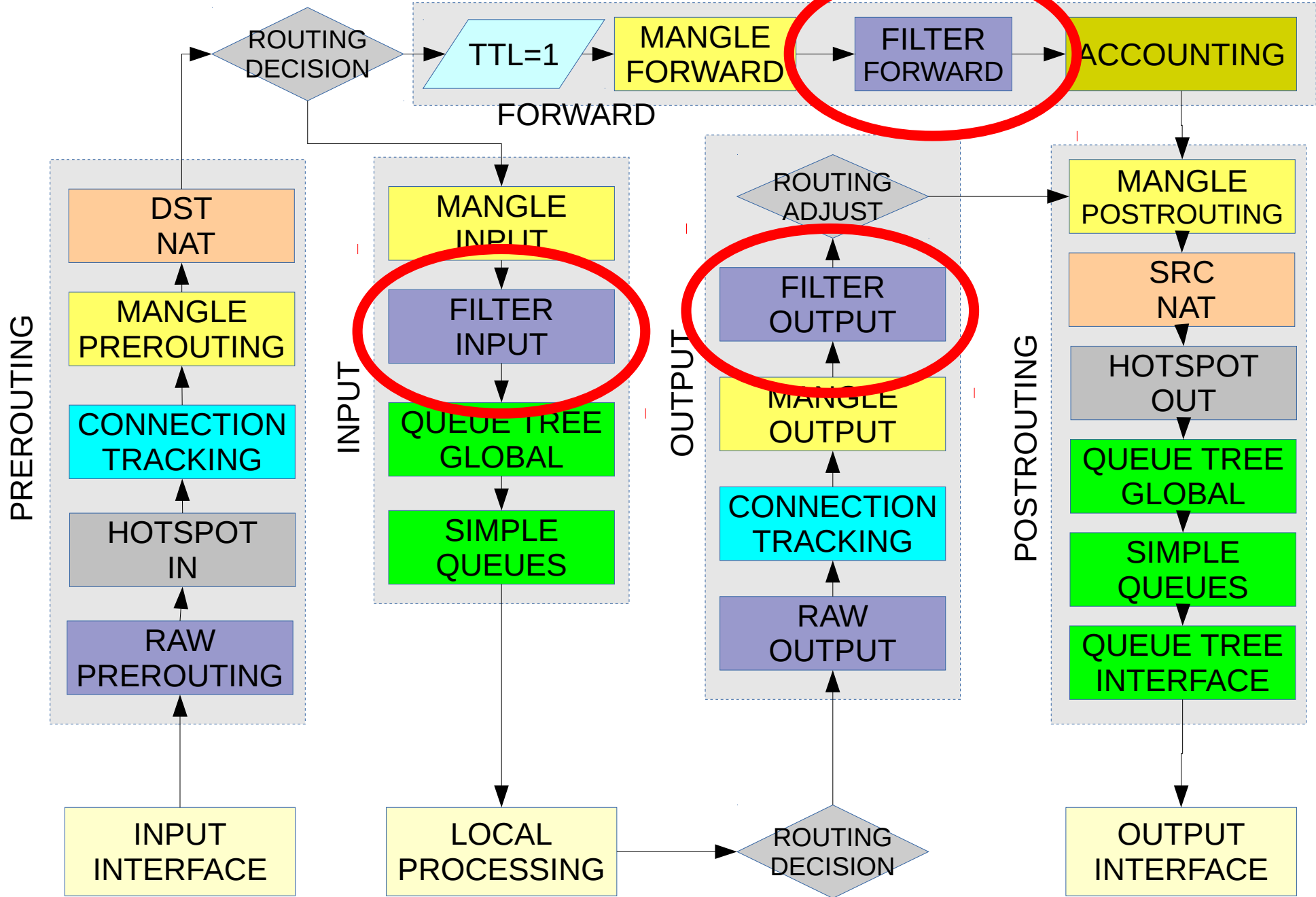
Filter chains can be used to allow and deny connections

- Input
- Output
- Forward

```
/ip firewall filter
```

```
/ipv6 firewall filter
```





# Default filter table

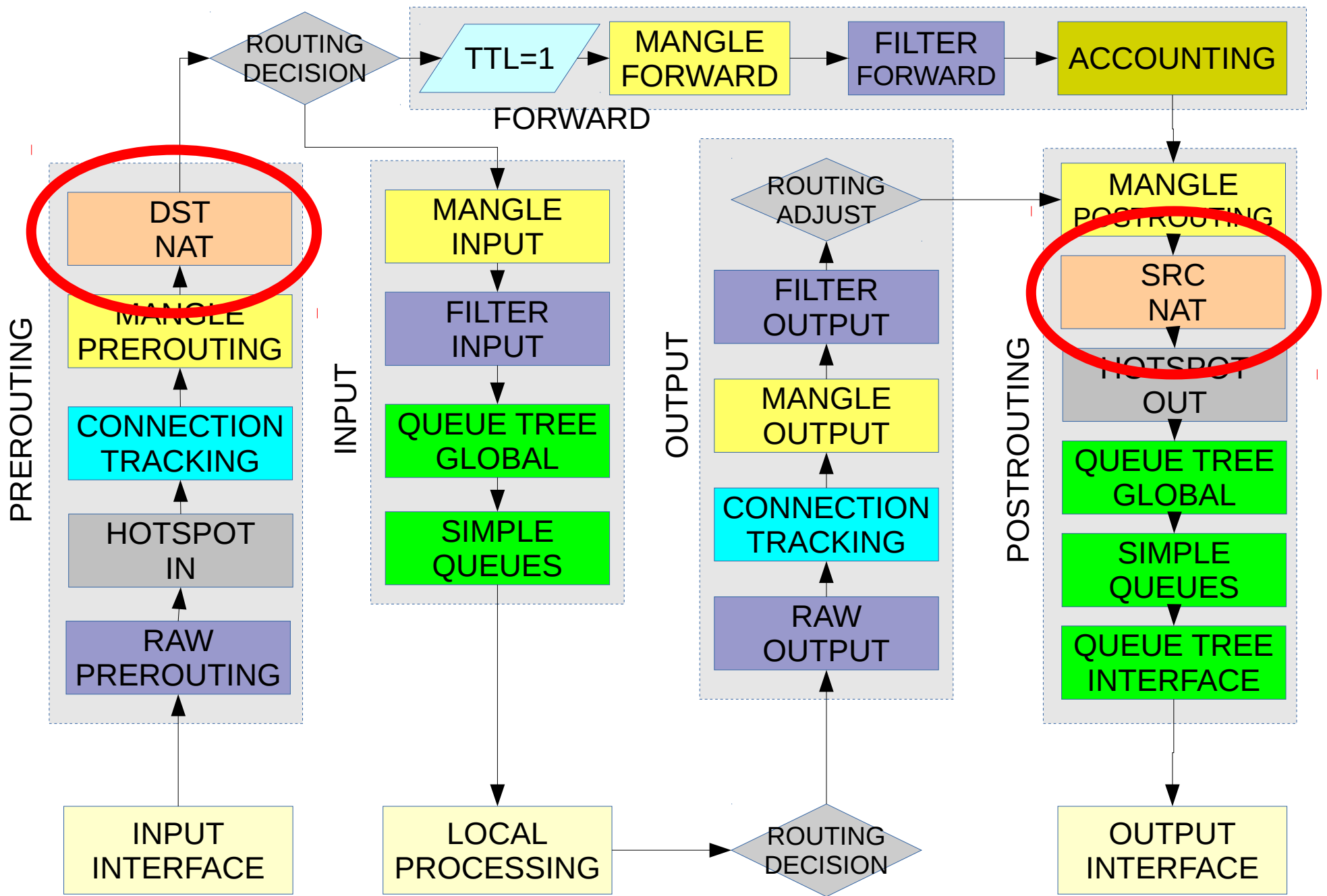
- With connection tracking:
  - accept established/related connections
  - drop invalid connections
  - after we have only “new” connections so no need to check the connection state
  - other rules

# Nat table

In the nat chains we can change address and port of connections, only in IPv4

- src nat
- dst nat

```
/ip firewall nat
```



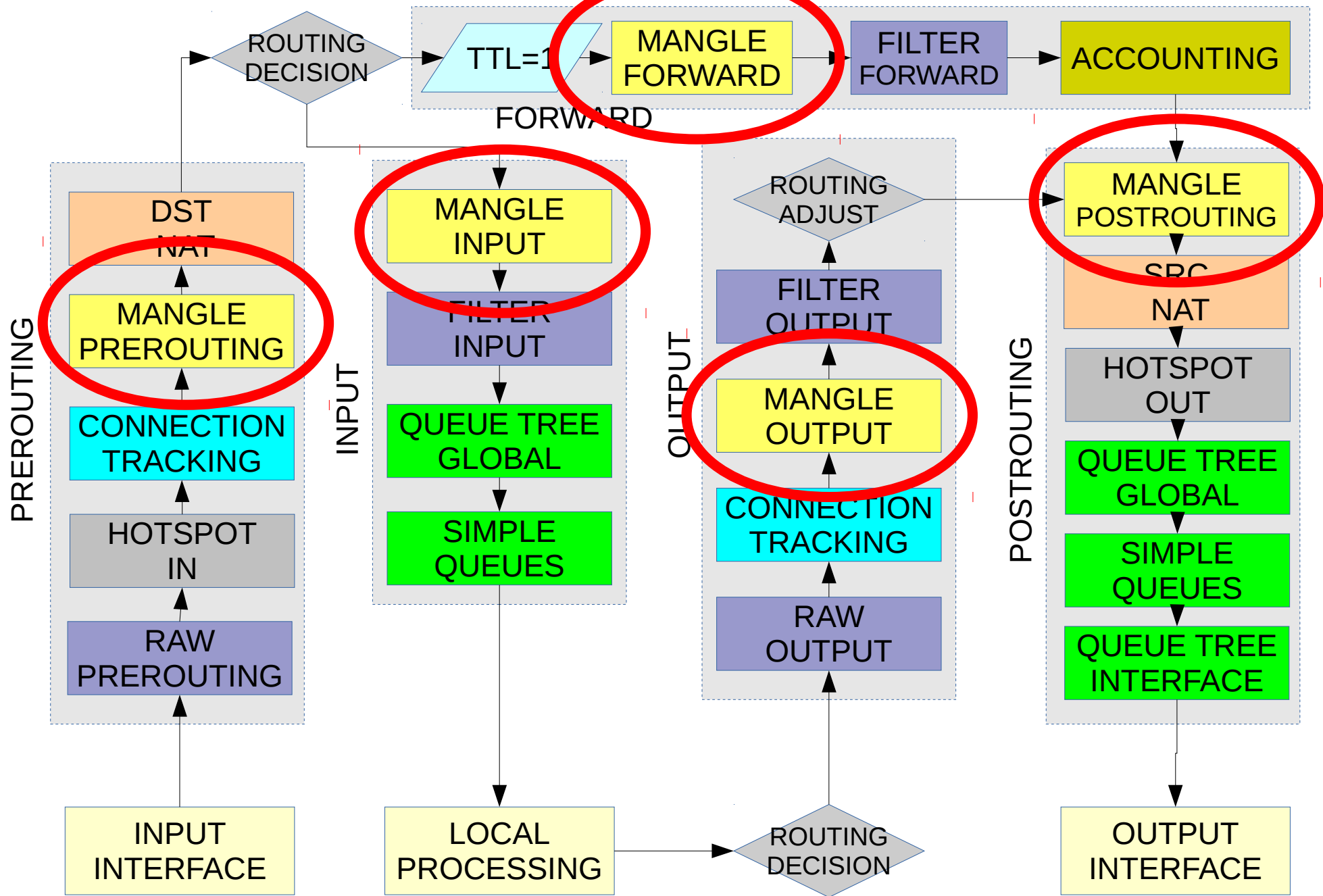
# Mangle table

The mangle chain is useful to manage all other detail of a connection (e.g. ttl or qos)

- input
- output
- forward
- prerouting
- Postrouting

```
/ip firewall mangle
```

```
/ipv6 firewall mangle
```

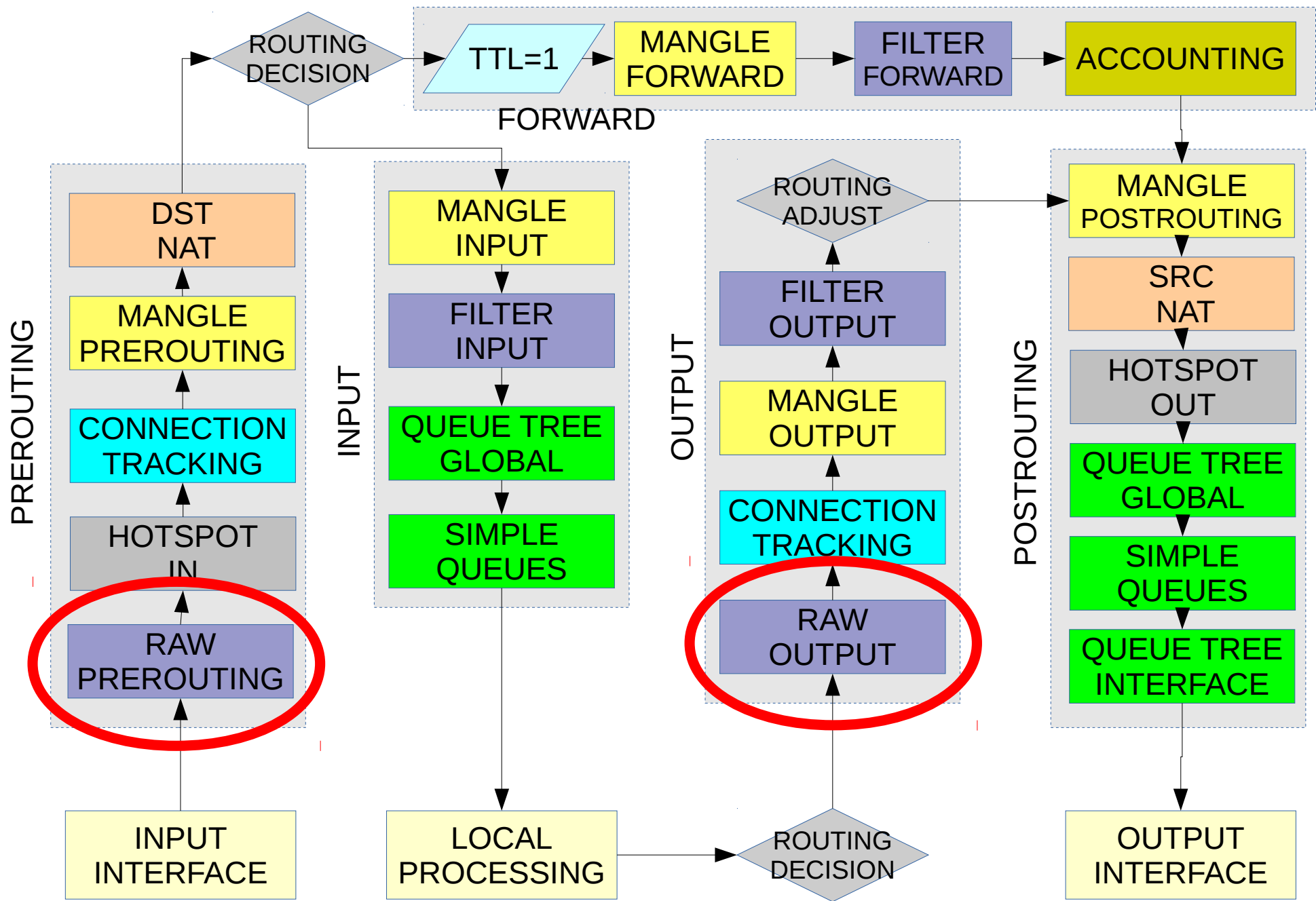


# New from 6.36 raw table

- only two chains
- INPUT
- OUTPUT

```
/ip firewall raw
```

```
/ipv6 firewall raw
```





# How to do it better

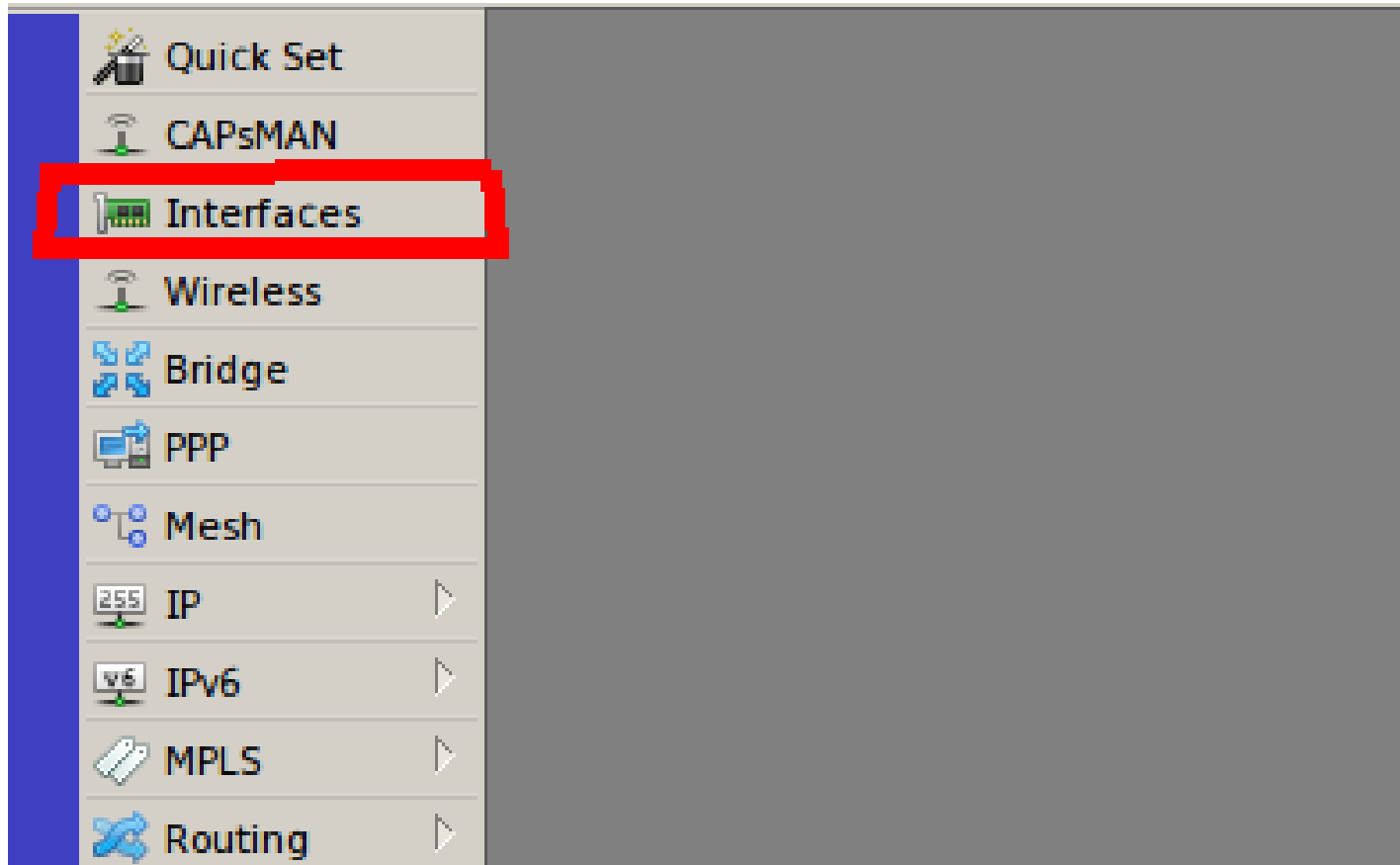
- use “interface list” and “address list”
- use “jump” and “return”
- define new chains
- define less rules as possible

later we see...

# New! “Interface Lists”

- Define a group of interfaces
- `/interface list`
- useful to simplify configuration

# Interface lists



# Interface lists

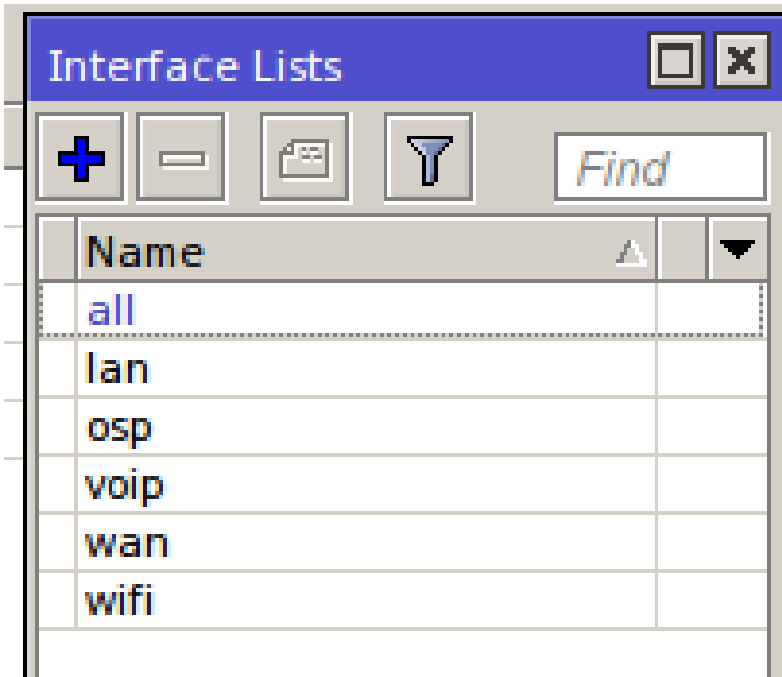
Interface List

Interface Interface List Ethernet EoIP Tunnel IP Tunnel GP

+ - ✓ ✗ 📄 🏠 **Lists**

| List | Interface        |
|------|------------------|
| lan  | ether3-lan       |
| osp  | vlan-200-osp     |
| voip | vlan-300-voip    |
| wan  | <i>pppoe-wan</i> |
| wifi | vlan-100-wifi    |

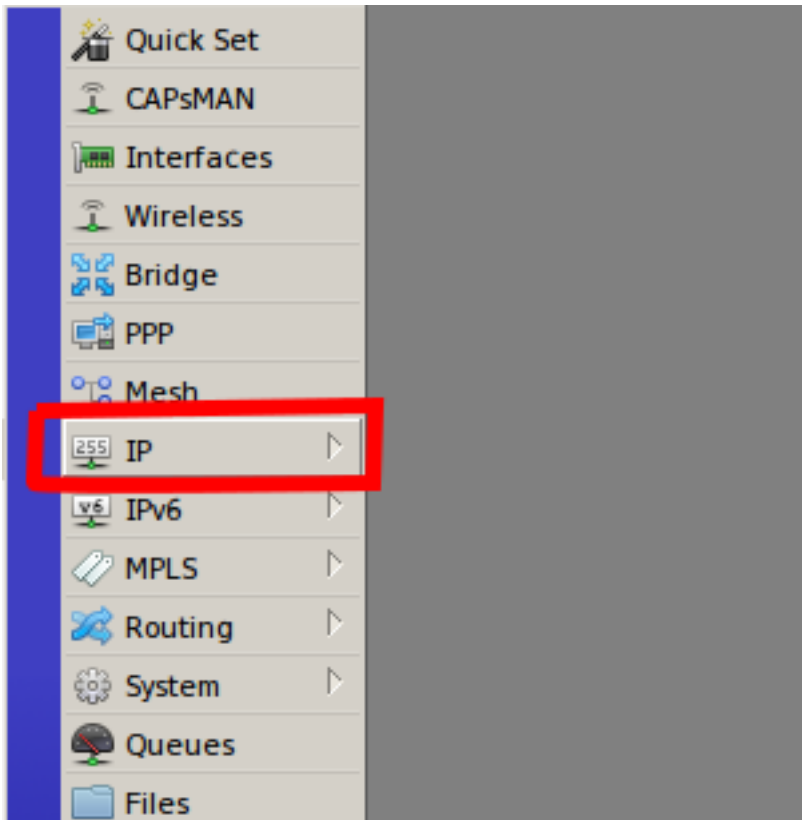
# Interface lists



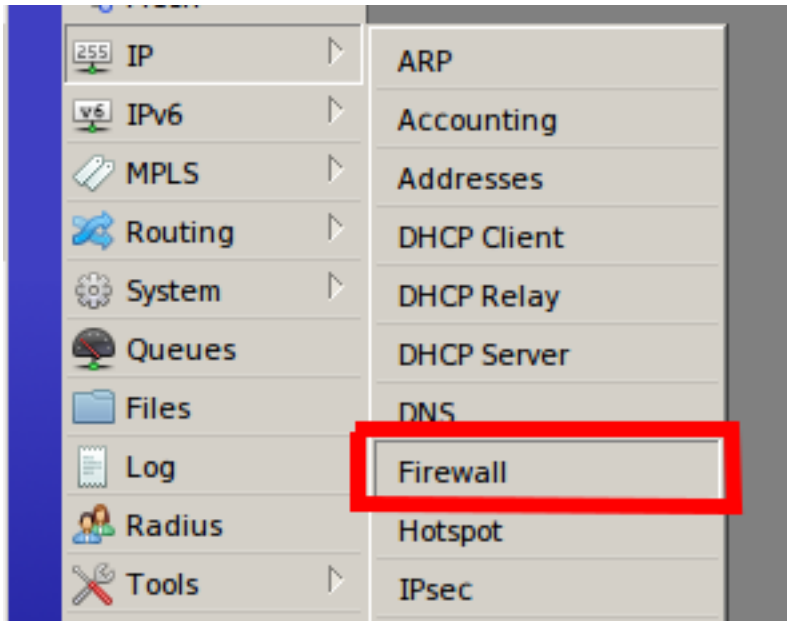
# Address Lists

- Define group of addresses
- I think MANDATORY for IPv6!!
- As “action” address can be added to address lists dynamically, also with time-out
- New from 6.36 dns names can be used in address lists!

# Firewall IPv4



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Firewall

Filter Rules NAT Mangle Raw Service Ports Connections Address Lists Layer7 Protocols

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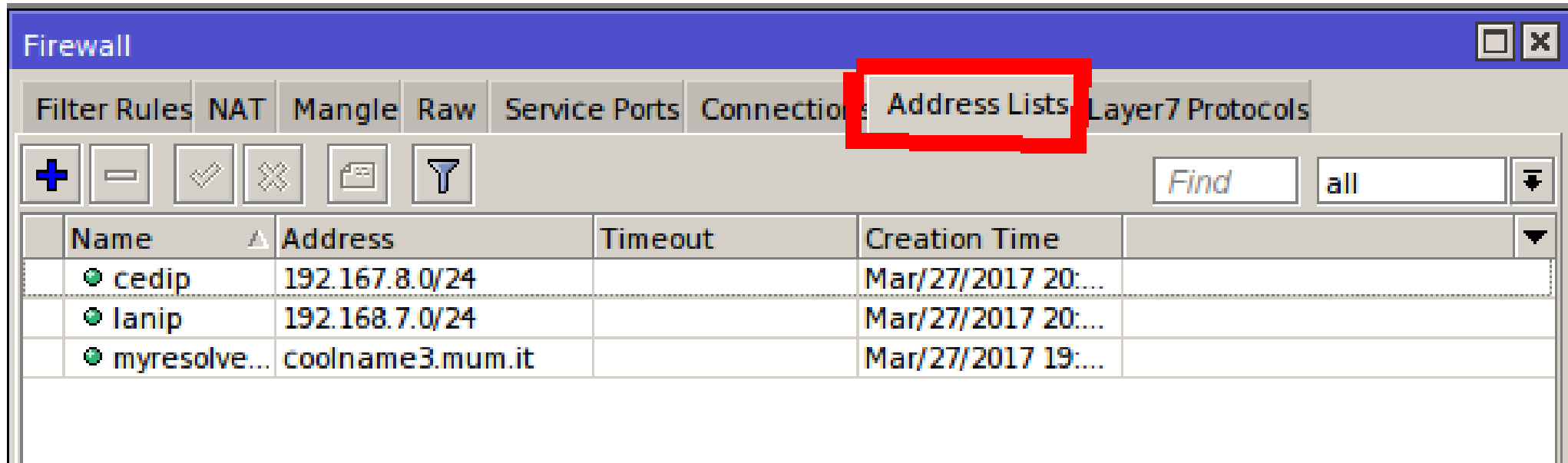
| #                              | Action   | Chain | Src. Address | Dst. Address | Proto... | Src. Port | Dst. Port | In. Interface | Out |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----|
| ;;; accept established related |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| 0                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| ;;; drop invalid               |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| 1                              | ✗ drop   | input |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| ;;; accept icmp                |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| 2                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              | 1 (ic... |           |           |               |     |
| 4                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              | 6 (tcp)  |           |           |               |     |
| ;;; wan2fw                     |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |
| 5                              | jump     | input |              |              |          |           |           |               |     |

# Firewall IPv4

The screenshot shows the Mikrotik WinBox Firewall Filter Rules configuration window. The 'Chain' column is highlighted with a red box, and a dropdown menu is open showing various chain options, with 'input' selected.

| #                              | Action   | Chain | Src. Address | Dst. Address | Proto... | Src. Port | Dst. Port | In. |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| ::: accept established related |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| 0                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| ::: drop invalid               |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| 1                              | ✗ drop   | input |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| ::: accept icmp                |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| 2                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              | 1 (ic... |           |           |     |
| 4                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              | 6 (tcp)  |           |           |     |
| ::: wan2fw                     |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| 5                              | 🔗 jump   | input |              |              |          |           |           |     |
| ::: wifi2fw                    |          |       |              |              |          |           |           |     |

# New! “Address Lists”



The screenshot shows the RouterOS Firewall configuration interface. The 'Address Lists' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, there are several icons for adding, deleting, and filtering, along with a search bar containing the text 'Find' and 'all'. The main area displays a table of address lists.

| Name         | Address          | Timeout | Creation Time      |
|--------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| cedip        | 192.167.8.0/24   |         | Mar/27/2017 20:... |
| lanip        | 192.168.7.0/24   |         | Mar/27/2017 20:... |
| myresolve... | coolname3.mum.it |         | Mar/27/2017 19:... |

# New! “Address Lists”

The screenshot shows a window titled "Firewall Address List <cedip>". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Name:** A text box containing "cedip" with a dropdown arrow to its right.
- Address:** A text box containing "192.167.8.0/24".
- Timeout:** An empty text box with a dropdown arrow to its right.
- Creation Time:** A text box containing "Mar/27/2017 20:58:42".

On the right side of the window, there is a vertical stack of buttons: OK, Cancel, Apply, Disable, Comment, Copy, and Remove.

At the bottom left of the window, there is a status indicator that reads "enabled".

# New! “Address Lists”


The screenshot shows the Mikrotik WinBox Firewall configuration interface. The 'Address Lists' tab is selected, displaying a table of address lists. A red box highlights the 'myresolvedip' entry, which is associated with the domain 'coolname3.mum.it' and the IP address '192.168.77.3'.

| Name                 | Address          | Timeout      | Creation Time      |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| cedip                | 192.167.8.0/24   |              | Mar/27/2017 20:5.. |
| lanip                | 192.168.7.0/24   |              | Mar/27/2017 20:5   |
| myresolvedip         | coolname3.mum.it |              | Mar/27/2017 19:1.. |
| ;;; coolname3.mum.it |                  |              |                    |
| D                    | myresolve...     | 192.168.77.3 | Mar/27/2017 22:1.. |

# New! “Address Lists”

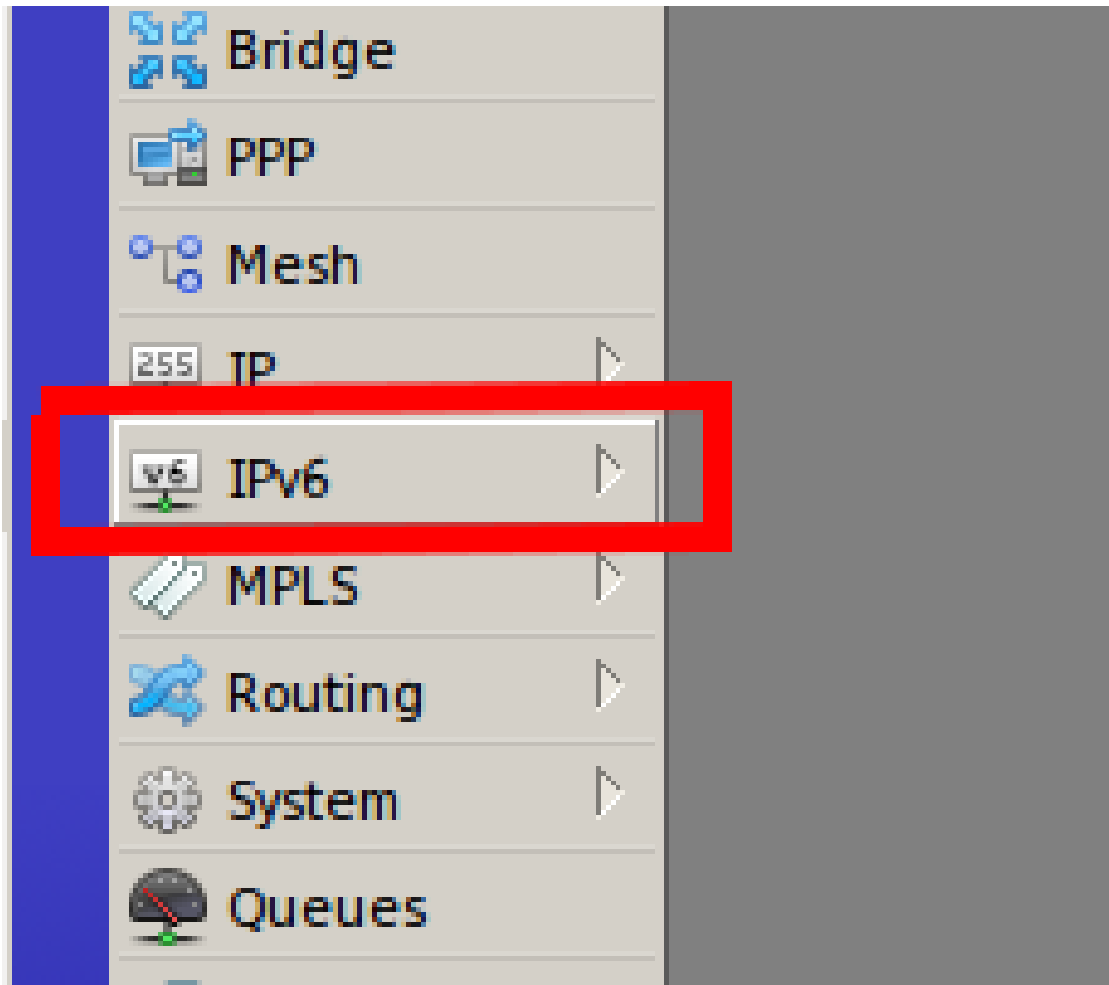
Firewall Address List <myresolvedip>

|               |                      |        |
|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| Name          | myresolvedip         | OK     |
| Address       | 192.168.77.3         | Copy   |
| Timeout       |                      | Remove |
| Creation Time | Mar/27/2017 22:10:58 |        |

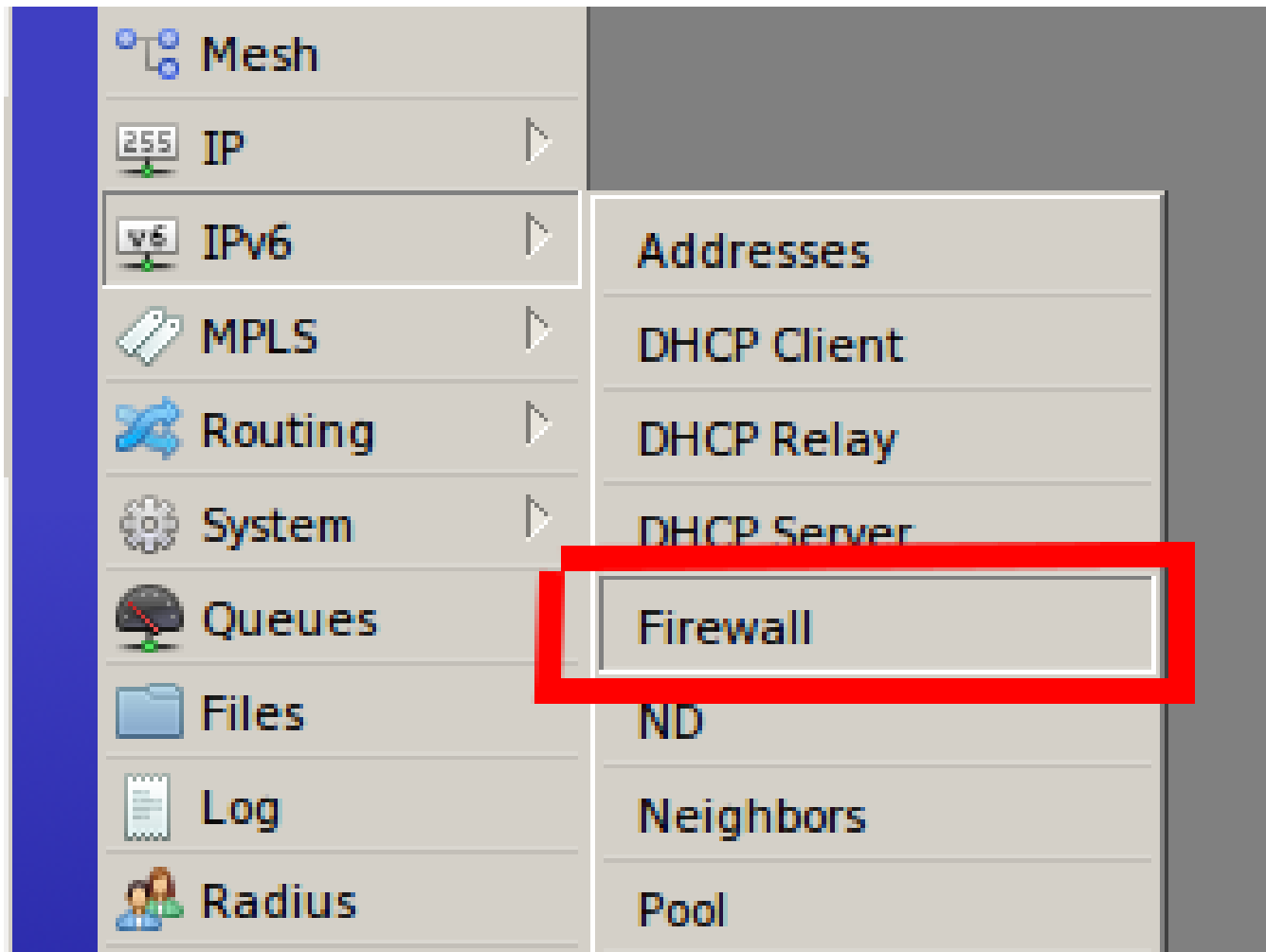


|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| dynamic | enabled |
|---------|---------|

# Firewall IPv6



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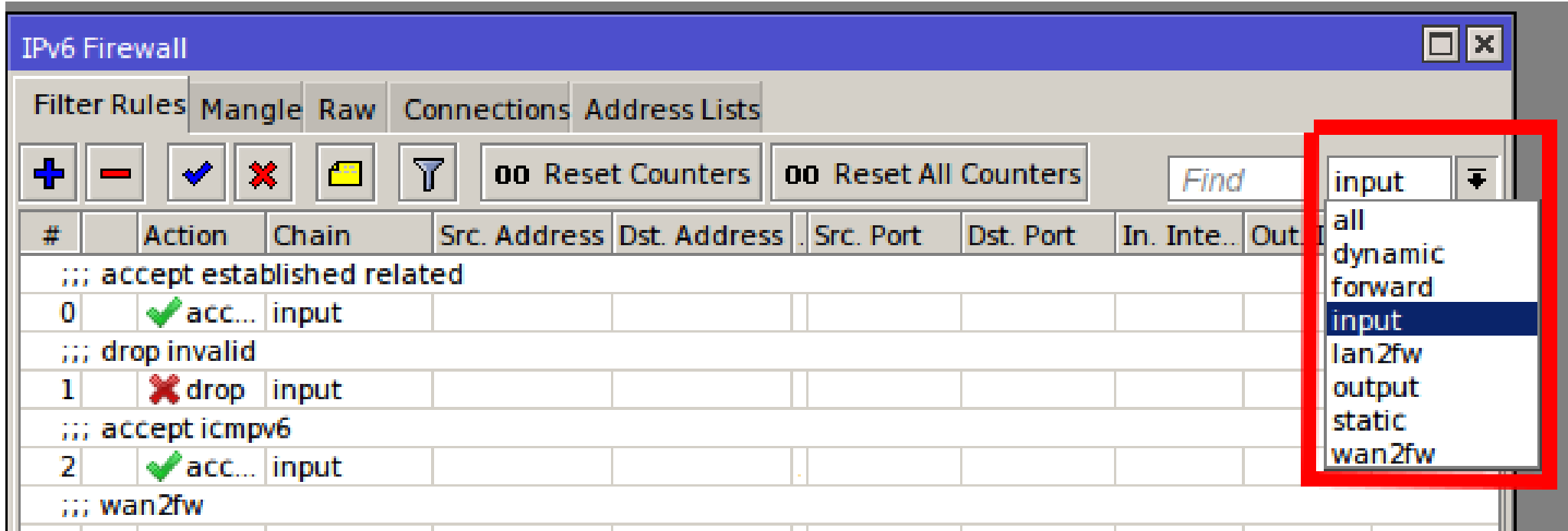
IPv6 Firewall

Filter Rules | Mangle | Raw | Connections | Address Lists

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| #                              | Action   | Chain | Src. Address | Dst. Address | Src. Port | Dst. Port | In. Inte... | Out. In... | In. Int |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| ;;; accept established related |          |       |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| 0                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| ;;; drop invalid               |          |       |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| 1                              | ✗ drop   | input |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| ;;; accept icmpv6              |          |       |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| 2                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| ;;; wan2fw                     |          |       |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| 3                              | 🔗 jump   | input |              |              |           |           |             |            | wan     |
| ;;; lan2fw                     |          |       |              |              |           |           |             |            |         |
| 4                              | 🔗 jump   | input |              |              |           |           |             |            | lan     |

# Firewall IPv6



IPv6 Firewall

Filter Rules | Mangle | Raw | Connections | Address Lists

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| #                              | Action   | Chain | Src. Address | Dst. Address | Src. Port | Dst. Port | In. Inte.. | Out |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|
| ::: accept established related |          |       |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| 0                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| ::: drop invalid               |          |       |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| 1                              | ✗ drop   | input |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| ::: accept icmpv6              |          |       |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| 2                              | ✓ acc... | input |              |              |           |           |            |     |
| ::: wan2fw                     |          |       |              |              |           |           |            |     |

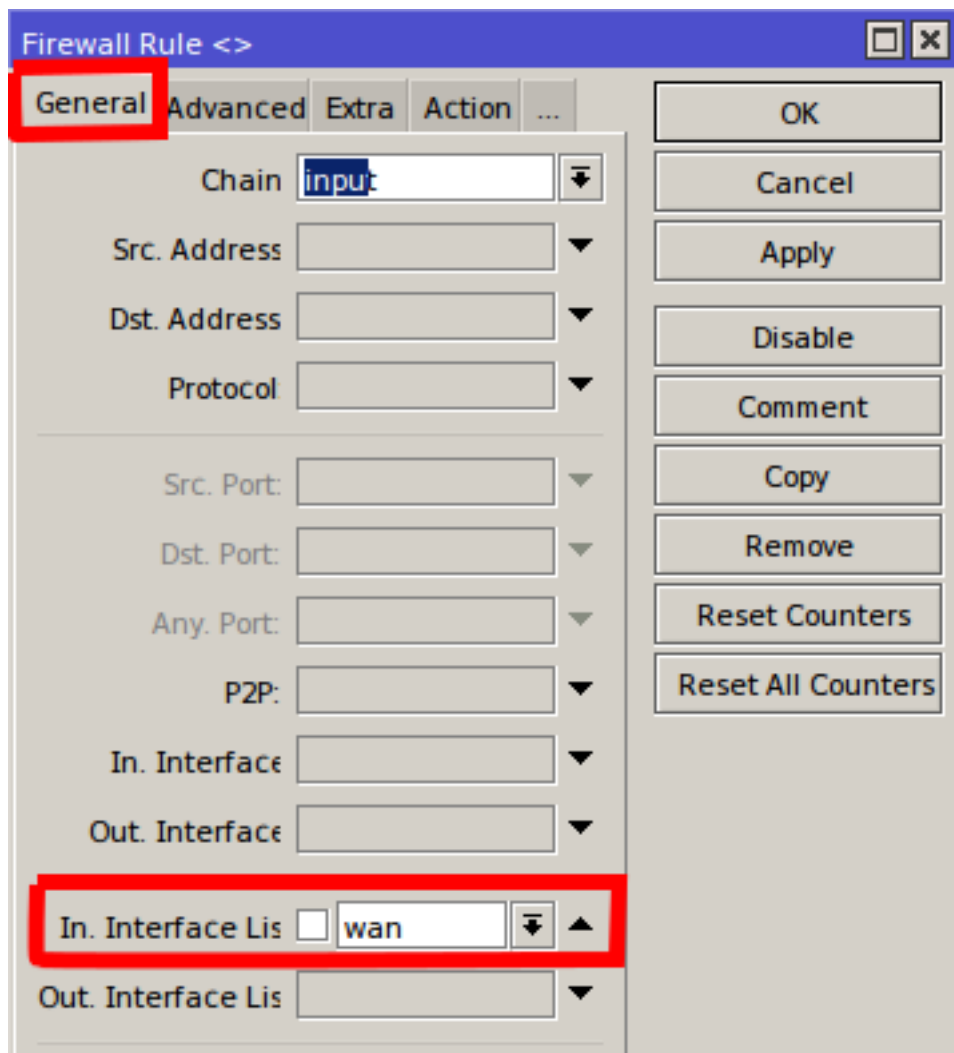
input ↓

- all
- dynamic
- forward
- input**
- lan2fw
- output
- static
- wan2fw

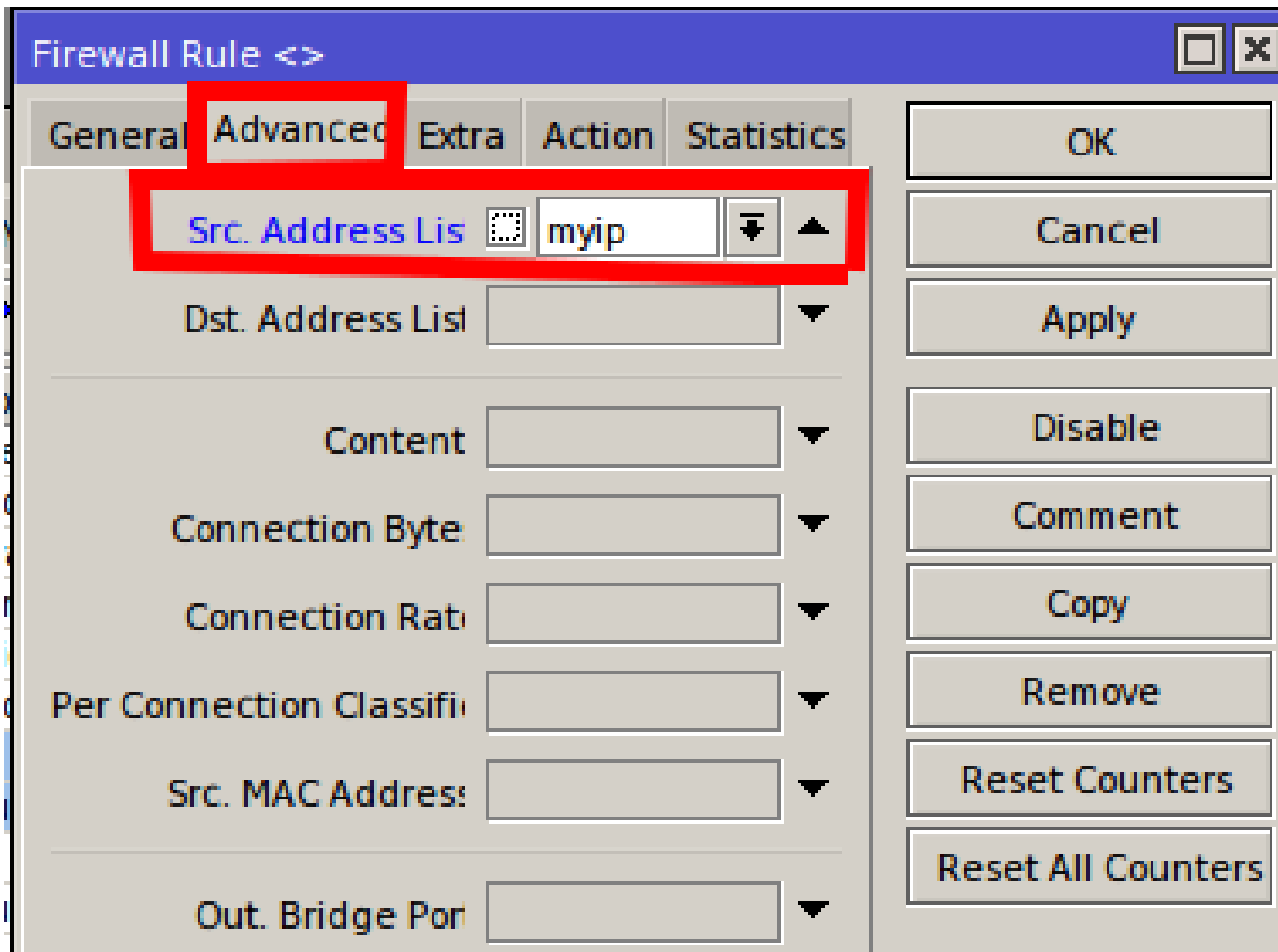
# Where we can use “lists”?

- Today only the “check”, not action

# Interface Lists



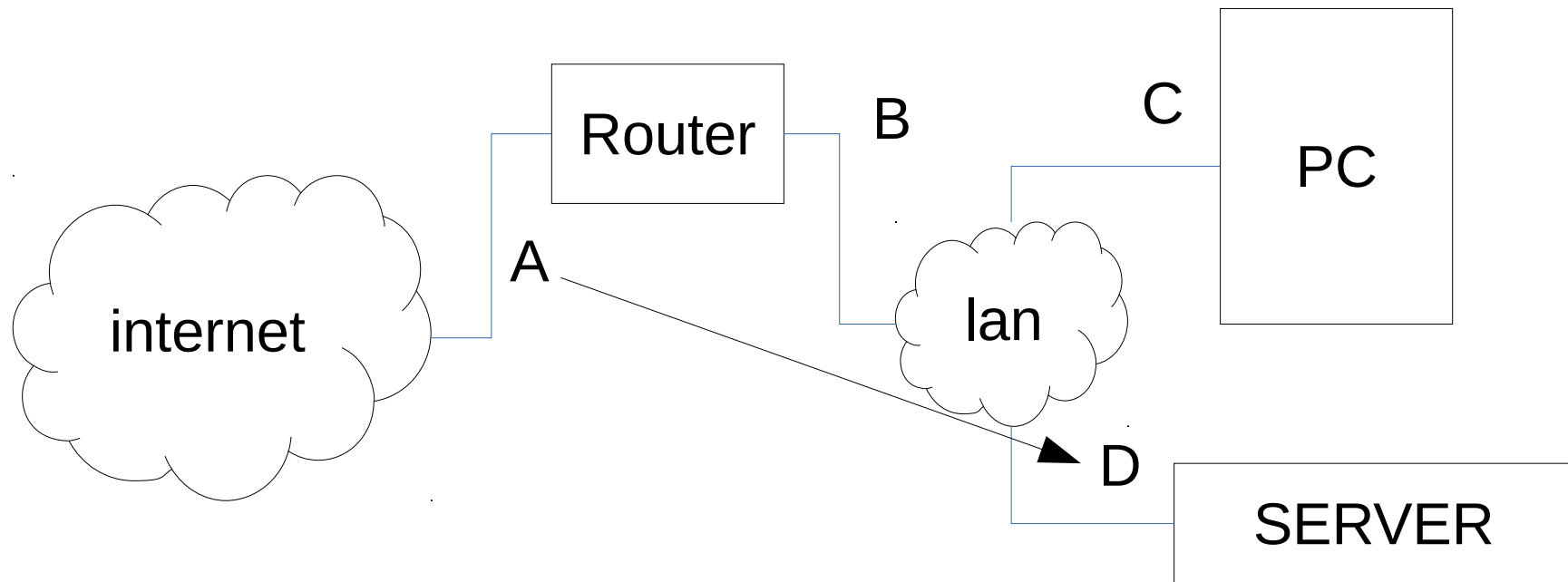
# Address Lists



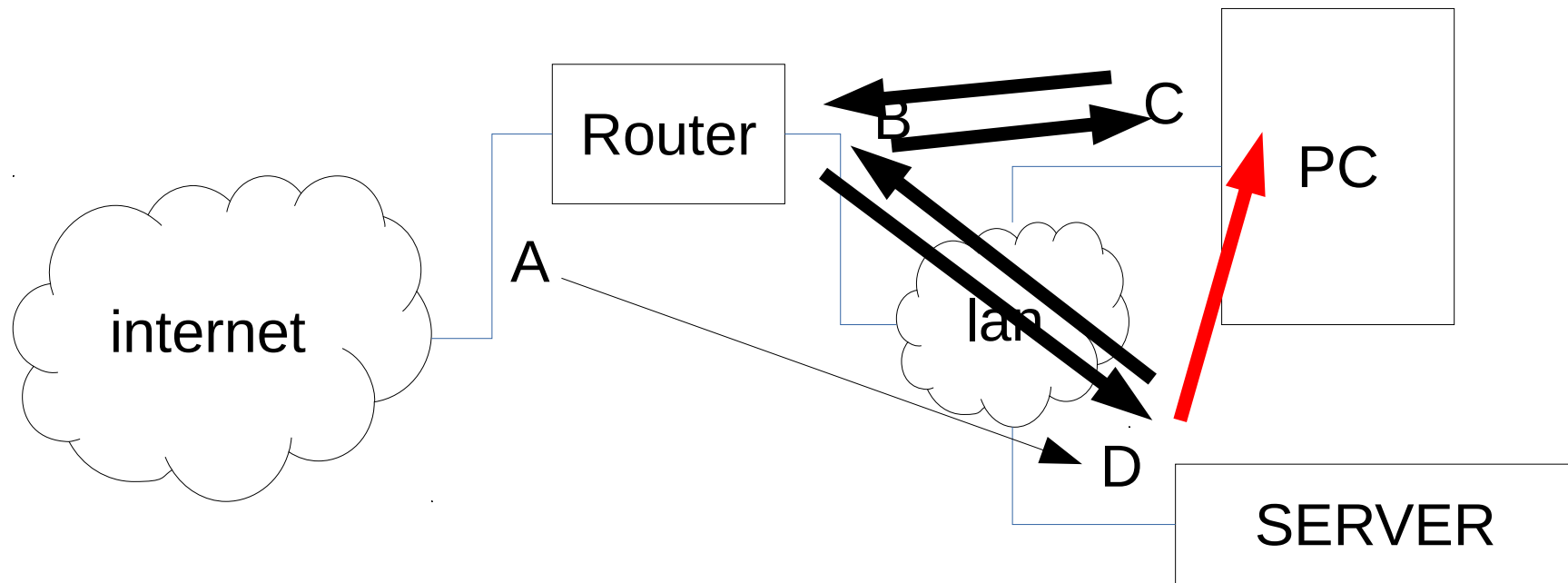
# And... improved firewall

- faster “connection-limit”
  - raw filter
  - interface list
  - address list with dns names
  - limit (connections, packets, bits)
- check the wiki... all there..

# Example: routeback



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# Goal

- PC with private address C need to talk to the server with private address D
- The server is on DNAT from the address A on the wan side of the router
- Use “dns name” of the server

# Routeback!

- First a dnat on the public ip address, and the packet is routed back to the lan
- Then i need a source nat, as the packet must route back to the router and then to the pc
- But... if the public ip address is dynamic?

# Address list!

- Configure the “cloud” option, so we have a dns address name with the public ip address
- Configure one address list with this dns name, then use the address list on the destination nat rule!

# Sample code part 1

```
/ip firewall address-list
add address=coolname3.mum.it list=myresolvedip

/ip firewall filter
add action=accept chain=input comment="accept
established related" connection-state=\
    established,related

add action=drop chain=input comment="drop invalid"
connection-state=invalid

add action=accept chain=input protocol=icmp

add action=drop chain=input comment="drop all from
wan" in-interface=pppoe-wan
```

# Sample code part 2

```
/ip firewall nat
add action=masquerade chain=srcnat comment="normal
masq" out-interface=pppoe-wan
add action=dst-nat chain=dstnat comment="nat to
192.168.7.2" dst-address-list=myresolvedip \
    to-addresses=192.168.7.2
add action=src-nat chain=srcnat comment="routeback
from 192.168.90.0/24 to lan (eq lan to lan)" \
    out-interface=ether3-lan src-
address=192.168.7.0/24 to-addresses=192.168.7.1
```

# A complex firewall

- One wan
- More than one lan
- Define and update frequently all rules
- Avoid to hard code all

# All code here...

## address list

```
/ip firewall address-list  
add address=coolname3.mum.it list=myresolvedip  
add address=192.168.7.0/24 list=lanip  
add address=192.167.8.0/24 list=cedip
```

# All code here... input chain

```
/ip firewall filter
add action=accept chain=input comment="accept established related" \
connection-state=established,related
add action=drop chain=input comment="drop invalid" connection-state=invalid
add action=accept chain=input comment="accept icmp" protocol=icmp
add action=accept chain=input port=8291 protocol=tcp
add action=jump chain=input comment=wan2fw in-interface-list=wan jump-target=\
wan2fw
add action=jump chain=input comment=wifi2fw in-interface-list=wifi jump-target=\
wifi2fw
add action=jump chain=input comment=osp2fw in-interface-list=osp jump-target=\
osp2fw
add action=jump chain=input comment=voip2fw in-interface-list=voip jump-target=\
voip2fw
```



# All code here...

## forward chain 1

```
add action=accept chain=forward comment="accept established related" \  
    connection-state=established,related  
add action=drop chain=forward comment="drop invalid" \  
    connection-state=invalid  
add action=jump chain=forward comment="filtro icmp" \  
    jump-target=accept-icmp protocol=icmp  
add action=jump chain=forward comment="lan (ip) to wan" disabled=yes \  
    in-interface-list=lan jump-target=lan out-interface-list=wan \  
    src-address-list=lanip  
add action=jump chain=forward comment="ced (ip) to wan" disabled=yes \  
    in-interface-list=lan jump-target=lan out-interface-list=wan \  
    src-address-list=cedip
```

# All code here...

## forward chain 2

```
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=lan jump-target=lan2wan \  
    out-interface-list=wan  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=lan jump-target=lan2voip \  
    out-interface-list=voip  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=lan jump-target=lan2osp \  
    out-interface-list=osp  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=osp jump-target=osp2wan \  
    out-interface-list=wan  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=voip jump-target=voip2wan \  
    out-interface-list=wan  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=voip jump-target=voip2lan \  
    out-interface-list=lan  
add action=jump chain=forward in-interface-list=wan jump-target=wan2lan \  
    out-interface-list=lan
```

# All code here... zone to zone

```
add action=drop chain=lan2osp comment="default drop"
add action=drop chain=lan2voip comment="default drop"
add action=drop chain=forward comment="default drop all2all"
add action=drop chain=input comment="drop all2fw" log-prefix=all2fw
add action=drop chain=voip2fw comment="default drop"
add action=drop chain=voip2lan comment="default drop"
add action=drop chain=voip2wan comment="default drop"
add action=drop chain=wan2lan comment="default drop"
add action=jump chain=wifi2fw comment="accept dns" jump-target=accept-dns
add action=drop chain=wifi2fw comment="default drop"
add action=jump chain=lan2wan jump-target=accept-dns
add action=drop chain=lan2wan comment="default drop"
add action=jump chain=wan2fw comment="protect ssh" jump-target=ssh
add action=drop chain=wan2fw comment="drop all from wan"
```

# All code here...

## dns check

```
add action=accept chain=accept-dns dst-port=53  
protocol=udp
```

```
add action=accept chain=accept-dns dst-port=53  
protocol=tcp
```

```
add action=return chain=accept-dns
```

# All code here...

## icmp check

```
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="echo reply" icmp-options=0:0 \  
    protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="net unreachable" icmp-options=3:0 \  
    protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="host unreachable" icmp-options=3:1 \  
    protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment=\  
    "host unreachable fragmentation required" icmp-options=3:4 protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="allow source quench" icmp-options=\  
    4:0 protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="allow echo request" icmp-options=\  
    8:0 protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp comment="allow time exceed" icmp-options=\  
    11:0 protocol=icmp  
add action=accept chain=accept-icmp icmp-options=12:0 protocol=icmp  
add action=drop chain=accept-icmp comment="deny all other types"
```

# All code here...

## ssh protection

```
add action=drop chain=ssh comment="drop ssh brute forcers" dst-port=22 protocol=tcp src-address-list=badip
```

```
add action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=badip address-list-timeout=1w3d chain=ssh dst-port=22 protocol=tcp src-address-list=ssh_stage3
```

```
add action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_stage3 address-list-timeout=1m chain=ssh dst-port=22 protocol=tcp src-address-list=ssh_stage2
```

```
add action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_stage2 address-list-timeout=1m chain=ssh dst-port=22 protocol=tcp src-address-list=ssh_stage1
```

```
add action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_stage1 address-list-timeout=1m chain=ssh dst-port=22 protocol=tcp
```

```
add action=return chain=ssh
```

# All code here...

## icmp check

```
/ip firewall nat  
  
add action=masquerade chain=srcnat out-  
interface=pppoe-wan  
  
/ip firewall raw  
  
add action=drop chain=prerouting comment="drop  
bad ip" in-interface-list=wan \  
    src-address-list=badip
```

# What you've seen

- Complex firewall
- And configuration can be exported and imported to another routerboard, with NO ERROR
- And all “specific” configuration is on the “interface lists” and “address lists”
- Recycle firewall rules



# This year request

- Complete IPv6 firewall
- Please add some kind of “global” generic constant values like objects
- ip addresses
- ports

# Questions?



# Thank you!

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